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## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With respect to claim 1. 23, the prior art does not disclose nor render obvious the claimed combination of subject matter of a utensil for cleansing and massaging skin, comprising: a body; and a plurality of bristle bundles extending outward from the body, the bristle bundles being grouped together to form cleansing members, the cleansing members having a centermost portion in which the bristle lengths are shorter relative to the outermost bristle lengths; a pedestal secured lo the body for securing the branched bundles to the body; and at least one ring element secured to the body, the ring element, having bristles along a surface thereof. With respect to claim 25, the prior art does not disclose nor render obvious the claimed combination of subject matter of a hygienic utensil comprising: a body; a cleansing and massaging member, said cleansing and massaging member being attached to said body; a ring element, said ring element being connected to said body, said ring element having an annular facing surface; a plurality of ring bristles, each of said plurality of ring bristles being rod-shaped and having a ring bristle end, each of said ring bristle ends being attached to said annular facing surface of said ring element, each of said plurality of ring bristles extending radially from said annular facing surface of said ring element.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrence R. Till whose telephone number is (571) 272-1280. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Thurs. and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert J. Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1281. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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